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Office Action Summary

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10/022,289

Applicant(s)

BLASI ET AL.

Examiner

Dah-Wei D. Yuan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26, 31, 32 and 34-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-18 and 37-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-26, 31, 32 and 34-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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ELECTROLYTE ADDITIVE FOR NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS

Examiner: Yuan

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October 25, 2005

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 25, 2005 has been entered. In addition, the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 by Mr. Michael Pozin was received.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S.C. code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office Action issued on May 23, 2005.

Specification

3. The amendment filed May 2, 2005 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132 states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: wherein the molarity of lithium ions in the electrolyte is equal to the sum of the molarity of perchlorate ions in the electrolyte and the molarity of trifluoromethanesulfonate ions, trifluoromethanesulfonimide ions or hexafluorophosphate ions in the electrolyte.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, on claims 19-26,31,32,34-36 are maintained. The rejection is repeated below for convenience.

Claims 19-26,31,32,34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The limitation “wherein the molarity of lithium ions in the electrolyte is equal to the sum of the molarity of perchlorate ions in the electrolyte and the molarity of trifluoromethanesulfonate ions, trifluoromethanesulfonimide ions or hexafluorophosphate ions in the electrolyte” is not disclosed in the instant specification. If applicant believes said term is fully defined, it is requested that applicant indicates column and line, and/or figure with number, in the instant disclosure to support the recitation.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant’s arguments filed on August 25, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant’s principle arguments are

The Declaration shows that the specification as filed actually does disclose the limitation in claim 19.

In response to Applicant's arguments, please consider the following comments.

As indicated in the Declaration, Mr. Pozin admits that the after the addition of both the lithium trifluoromethanesulfonate salt and the lithium perchlorate salt into the electrolyte, and before discharge of the cell, the molarity of lithium ions in the electrolyte is equal to the sum of the molarity of perchlorate ions in the electrolyte and the molarity of trifluoromethanesulfonate ions in the electrolyte. It is noted that the scope of the recited subject matter in claim 19 is broader than what is disclosed in the Declaration.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dah-Wei D. Yuan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick J. Ryan, can be reached on (571) 272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Dah-Wei D. Yuan
October 25, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dah-Wei D. Yuan', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

DAH-WEI YUAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER